



Arlington Uncle Sam Committee Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2015

Fourth Floor Robbins Library

Our Mission is to Educate about young Sam Wilson and the real Uncle Sam

Present:

Laurie McKinney, Chair
Zarina Memon, Secretary
Andrew O'Brien, Member

Proceedings:

- Meeting called to order at 7:15 pm by Chair.
- Minutes of the February 17, 2015 meeting was reviewed and approved.

Chair's Report:

1. Patriot's Day Ride – young Sam Wilson to meet and greet Revere/Dawes- need a child – Tade so far willing but may need an alternate (7-9 years old child – boy or girl – may need to contact the Arl Theater Club to get an actor to play this otherwise), need a drum –found one and need to pick up (Zarina). Need the costume and speech and manners/actions to be organized from now til the day of the ride/meeting. The riders will be at Arl Town Hall at 12:05 on April 20, 2015.
2. Hang pictures of young Sam Wilson and Uncle Sam for the Patriot's day in Town Hall- Laurie will blow up a picture and bring it to Town Hall to have it hung for the Pat Day.
3. ATED Visitors Building – plan on sticking with buttons only. A 1,000 buttons cost \$350 at \$0.35 each. No plans for other souvenirs except to try a trial of colored pamphlets with the statue of Uncle Sam in front. We will need to work on the contents ASAP and get it out to the printers.
4. On hold: Andy would be willing to put some money to make the T-shirts (cost \$3-4 for cheap shirts and \$8-10 for better knapped cotton; \$1-2 to silk screen so total cost around \$13 with a profit margin of \$5-6);
& Elsie will look into putting notices in the papers to raise money; Zarina will look into contacting local businesses to donate to our cause. Contact the Chamber of Commerce – Laurie or Zarina. And, Projects that would need money include Uncle Sam statue restoration ~ \$7,500; Mural ~\$30,000. And, New Membership?
5. Signs for Mass Ave or Broadway- "Birthplace of the Real Uncle Sam." Laurie still working on this.
6. Uncle Sam Books – need to approach town manager on purchasing these and storing these.
7. Social Media -Andy will contact the town webmaster to get our web page on track. Zarina's husband Ken can help the webmaster complete this project for two pages: Young Sam Wilson and Uncle Sam. These pages should be linked, and perhaps a blog could be made for and by the kids to join this club and write about young Sam Wilson. We need to put a sign in the Advocate to get a child to create and post on this page.
8. Goals:
 1. Short Term: Patriots Day, Creation of flyers, buttons and pamphlets

2. Mid-term: Sign creation and acquiring books; website; young Sam Wilson Club; Uncle Sam Contest
 3. Long-term: restore/clean statue and possible creation of mural; We may want to consider putting a donation box for these projects in the ATED visitor building.
- Next meeting scheduled for April 21, 2015 at 7 pm – Second Floor Senior Center, Arts Room
 - Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.
 - Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary, Zarina Memon.